

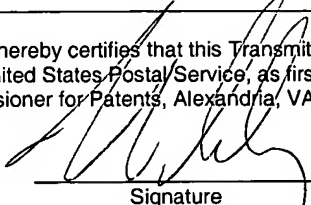


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment into the above-referenced application.

CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-10 as follows.

1. (Currently amended) Method for the production of mineral wool during which, based on a viscous mineral melt containing silicon and metal oxides, fibers are produced that are further processed to obtain a woolen non-woven, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a spent aluminum silicate catalyst material having a content of at least 35 % by weight of aluminum oxide is added to the mineral melt.